

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

The transcription at page 12 line 1 of "remaininder" has been changed to
--remainder-- . Accordingly, the objection to the specification is now moot.

Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the specification at page 32
[line 25] - page 33 [line 2]. Claims 7-9, 36-39, 40-43, and 44-47 have been canceled.

Claims 1-6 recite *inter alia* supplying heat for a reforming reaction from a
first power generating means.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of Claims 7-9, 36-39, 40-43, and 44-47
under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second [alone and with reference to the sixth paragraph of
Section 112]. The rejections under 35 USC § 112 are now moot; claims 7-9, 36-39, 40-43,
and 44-47 have been canceled.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of claims over Xu alone or in view of
Morimoto et al. or further in view of Gagnon and/or Scheffler.

In applicants' view, the analysis of the U.S. PTO does not appear to establish the
differences between the subject matter claimed and the information in the applied references;
this determination is one of the elements of the *Graham v. John Deere* investigation. In
applicants' view, if the determination required by *Graham v. John Deere* is undertaken, the
claims presented herein are patentable. Specifically, in applicants' view, the allegations that
certain element(s) "read(s)" on does not appear to be the analysis dictated by the *Graham*
second inquiry. In applicants' view, the claims are patentable.

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Reconsideration and an early allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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